

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
Anchorage Field Office
CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION (CX) FORM

CX No.: AK-040-03-CX-021

Lease/Serial/Case File No.: AA-
85090

Proposed Action Title/Types: Land Use Permit Application at Knik River Access Road

Location of Proposed Action: Seward Meridian
T. 16 N., R. 1 E., Section 15 – Lot 6

Description of Proposed Action: Kiewit Pacific Company (Kiewit) has submitted an application for a land use permit on the aforementioned lands. The permit would authorize a water pump, pipeline, and collection area currently being used by Kiewit and located on public lands along the Knik River Access Road. The road has been bladed and a portion of the shore along the bank of the Knik River had been built up to make a pad for the water pump. The pad is lined with a plastic sheet and the water pump sits inside. Water from the river is pumped through a flexible tube. A "PVC-type" water pipeline begins at the pump and weaves its way through a brushy area for approximately 600 yards. Some brush and a tree were cut to make way for the pipe. The pipe terminates at the collection area where the water is deposited into a large water truck. These facilities were put in place early May 2003. Kiewit proposes to use this area until October 4, 2003. Other than what has already been put in place, no new improvements are proposed. See Exhibit A for photos.

Applicant: Kiewit Pacific Company – P.O. Box 876551 Wasilla, AK 99687.

PART I - PLAN CONFORMANCE REVIEW

This Proposed Action is subject to the following land use plan: Management Framework Plan Southcentral Planning Area, approved March 1980.

The Proposed Action has been reviewed for conformance with this plan (43 CFR 1610.5, BLM MS 1617.3). The plan does not preclude this proposed action.

PART II - NEPA REVIEW

A. Categorical Exclusion Review.

This Proposed Action qualifies as a categorical exclusion under 516 DM 6, Appendix 5.4. E.19, *Issuance of short-term (3 years or less) rights-of-way or land use authorizations for such uses as storage sites, apiary sites, and construction sites where the proposal includes rehabilitation to restore the land to its natural or original condition.*

B. Departmental Exceptions Review.

The following Departmental List of Exceptions applies to individual actions. Departmental instructions mandate that environmental documents **MUST BE PREPARED** for actions which may: (Mark applicable answer for each item. If "yes", prepare an EA/EIS and append this form to it.)

- | | | YES | NO |
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| 1. | Have significant adverse impacts on public health or safety. | ___ | ___ <u>X</u> |
| 2. | Have adverse effects on unique geographic characteristics, historic or cultural resources, park, recreation or refuge lands, wilderness areas, wild or scenic rivers, sole or principal drinking water aquifers, prime farmlands, wetlands, floodplains, or ecologically significant or critical areas, including those listed on the Department's National Register of Natural Landmarks. | ___ | ___ <u>X</u> |
| 3. | Have highly controversial environmental effects. | ___ | ___ <u>X</u> |
| 4. | Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks. | ___ | ___ <u>X</u> |
| 5. | Establish a precedent for future actions or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects. | ___ | ___ <u>X</u> |
| 6. | Be directly related to other actions with individually insignificant, but cumulatively significant environmental effects. | ___ | ___ <u>X</u> |
| 7. | Have adverse effects on properties listed or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. | ___ | ___ <u>X</u> |
| 8. | Have adverse effects on species listed or proposed to be listed on the List of Endangered or Threatened Species, or have adverse effects on designated critical habitat for these species. | ___ | ___ <u>X</u> |
| 9. | Require compliance with Executive Order 11988 (Flood plain Management), Executive Order 11990 (Protection of Wetlands), or the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act. | ___ | ___ <u>X</u> |
| 10. | Threaten to violate a Federal, State, local or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment. | ___ | ___ <u>X</u> |

I certify that none of the Departmental exceptions listed in the above Part B (516 DM 2, Appendix 2) apply to this action.

Preparer(s): /s/ Natalie Cooper Date: 07-11-03

PART III – DECISION

I have reviewed this plan conformance and NEPA compliance record and have determined that the proposed project is in conformance with the approved land use plan and that no further environmental analysis is required. It is my decision to implement the project, as described, with the mitigation measures either identified below or stipulation(s) attached in this case file.

Remarks: The following stipulations will be added to the standard stipulations of a land-use permit:

1. Any brush that has been cleared or piled up in connection to these activities will be removed upon termination of activities. Any soil work will be restored to the pre-existing condition.
2. The area used by Kiewit shall be kept in a neat and tidy manner.
3. An impermeable layer shall be placed under the miscellaneous equipment located at the collection area (i.e. battery, gas cans, etc.)
4. Only the equipment needed for the activity shall be stored on site, no equipment unrelated to this activity shall be placed on the site.

Authorized Official: /s/ Clinton E. Hanson Date: 07-18-03